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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

Takayuki KODA, et al. : ATTN: BOX SEQUENCE

SERIAL NO: 10/077,745 :

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FOR: ORGANIC NITROGEN-CONTAINING COMPOSITION AND FERTILIZER
COMPRISING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 22-27, with the following text:

Fig. 2 shows comparison of an amino acid sequence deduced from a nucleotide sequence of an *sucA* gene derived from *Enterobacter agglomerans* (SEQ ID NO: 1) and that derived from *Escherichia coli* (SEQ ID NO: 5, upper: *Enterobacter agglomerans*, column: *Escherichia coli* , the same shall apply to the followings).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 28 through page 7, line 2, with the following text: